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In re Patent Application of: Masatoshi Shiraishi et al.

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SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS

Examiner: Chacko Davis, D

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 6, 2008, Applicant notes that, by the Preliminary Amendment filed December 3, 2007, claims 1-21 and 31-38 are now pending in this application. Claims 22-30 have been cancelled. However, the Restriction Requirement addresses cancelled claims 22-25 and does not address pending claims 31-34.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the Restriction Requirement with the correct claim information.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. OMY-0034 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted

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